

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
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REPLY TO

ATTENTION OF

July 18, 2007

Operations Division

Regulatory Branch

Project Manager

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SUBJECT: MVN-2007-2556-MJ

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice Purpose: Pursuant to Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of March 3, 1899 (30 Stat. 1151; 33 USC 403) and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (86 Stat. 816; 33 USC 1344), the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District, Regulatory Branch is soliciting comments from all interested parties on the development, utilization and long-term management of a proposed mitigation bank. The purpose of this mitigation bank is to provide compensatory mitigation for unavoidable impacts to wetland resources, including other waters of the United States, that result from projects authorized through the Department of the Army permit program.

PROPOSED MITIGATION BANK NEAR SORRENTO, LOUISIANA

NAME OF APPLICANT: MALLARD MITIGATION, LLC, 4461 HYACINTH AVE., BATON ROUGE, LA 70808

LOCATION OF WORK: In Ascension Parish, near Sorrento, Louisiana, in Section 27, T10S, R3E with a central point of 30.157037, -90.866943.

CHARACTER OF WORK: Re-establish a bottomland hardwood wetland forest on a 80.6-acre pasture and scattered woodlot site. Site restoration/enhancement will consist of plugging ditches as necessary and planting areas with one-year old seedlings representative of a forested assemblage historically common to the hardwood forests of the Mississippi River alluvium valley. Additional information is provided in the attached prospectus and drawings.

Federal, state and local agencies and officials, Indian tribes, and other interested parties are encouraged to provide written comments to the New Orleans District. The comment period will close **30 days** from the date of this public notice advertisement. Written

comments, including suggestions for modifications or objections to the proposed work, stating reasons thereof, are being solicited from anyone having interest in this proposed mitigation bank. Letters must reference the public notice subject, be addressed and mailed to the above address, to **ATTENTION: REGULATORY BRANCH**.

You are requested to communicate the information contained in this notice to any other parties whom you deem likely to have interest in the matter.

Pete J. Serio
Chief, Regulatory Branch

Attachment